

WESTFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT





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Joel Rush
Chief of Police

The Westfield Police Department remains committed to serving the community with the upmost of professionalism. Our team of nearly fifty dedicated employees understand that we alone are responsible for our own standard of performance. In 2015, we entered the assessment phase of the CALEA accreditation process. Our Department is scheduled for a Review Committee Hearing at the next Commission Conference in St. Louis, Missouri in April of 2016 to receive full accreditation status. CALEA is recognized as the gold standard for Public Safety Agencies.

Our Department is very focused on citizen service and community oriented policing. We participate in numerous activities, efforts, and programs wherein positive interaction with the community and citizens is stressed and realized. Education and prevention are important roles of all agency personnel.

We faced a significant change in personnel in 2015. With the loss of Detective Scott Clouse, the retirement of CSO Wally Sitzes, and the resignation of two officers we were confronted with the challenge of replacing experienced members of our workforce. Our calls for service increased from 39,158 in 2014 to 44,008 in 2015. This increase was indicative of our initiative to promote proactive policing concentrating on self-initiated enforcement of residential and business security checks, foot and bike patrols and traffic stops.



Scott Jordan
Assistant Chief

As police officers and citizens, we have an obligation to ensure all of our residents live in a stable and safe community. Our basic mission is to effectively fight crime, reduce traffic related problems, and address quality of life concerns. We create partnerships with those we serve, hire outstanding officers and staff, and utilize technology to share information and operate more efficiently. Additionally, we rely on the public's proactive commitment to help us prevent crime and identify potential problem areas. The support we receive from the community provides us with the necessary tools to accomplish our mission and helps to create an environment where all residents can thrive.



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Police Department Goals

Safe City

- Continually identify current high vehicle crash locations and crime trends in our community.
- Conduct foot and bike patrols throughout our trail systems, parks, business districts, and neighborhoods.
- Empower and encourage officers to creatively solve quality of life, safety, crime, and vehicle crash problems in the community.

Employee Engagement

- Promote department unity, communication, and teamwork.
- Conduct regular supervisor meetings to ensure information sharing throughout the agency.
- Encourage employee participation at citywide events.
- Continued emphasis on improving the health and fitness level of all employees.

Enhanced Infrastructure

- Communicate problems or safety issues with city owned property or areas of responsibility so they can be resolved in a timely manner.
- Care for the Public Safety Building and grounds. Ensure building cleanliness and report or address maintenance or areas needing repair.

Fiscal Responsibility

- Continually identify cost savings throughout our purchasing processes.
- Monitor all spending and operate within allocated resource parameters.

Excellence in Customer Relations

- Continue striving to change the climate and culture of our profession by:
 - Being accountable for our conduct, actions, and performance.
 - Ensuring our work product and our service to the community is at a high level.
 - Setting a good example for others to emulate in all things we do.
- Implement a community survey process.

OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN STAFF



Chief Rush



Asst. Chief Jordan



Det. Capt. Lowes



Capt. Hollowell



Lt. Allen



Lt. Rushforth



Lt. Gorrell



Det. Lt. Houston



Lt. Seagrave



Lt. Gentry



Lt. Lilly



Lt. Siara



Lt. Vickroy



Sgt. Dine



Sgt. Carter



Sgt. Adams



Sgt. Grimes



Sgt. Somerville



Criminalist Blackford



Det. Marlow



Det. Clouse



Det. Bays



Det. Newlin-Haus



Officer Howard



Officer Martin



Officer Todd



Officer Wheeler



Officer Mitchell



Officer Daniels



Officer Griffin

OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN STAFF



Officer Hopkins



Officer Kang



K9 Gorky



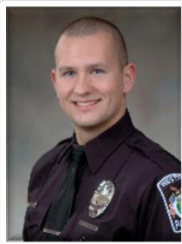
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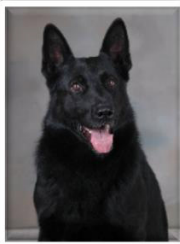
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Officer Larrison



Officer Swiatkowski



K9 Lopez



Officer Ford



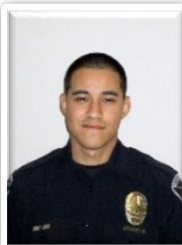
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Officer Gehlhausen



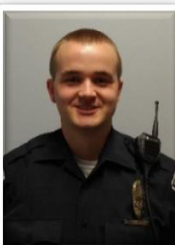
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Officer Rebollar



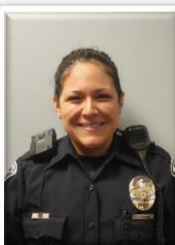
Officer Scheller



Officer Meier



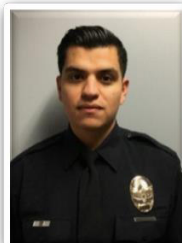
Officer Stubbs



Officer Henriquez



Officer Dougherty



Officer Velazquez



CSO Sitzes



CSO McCorkle



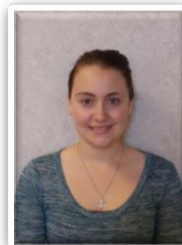
Records Manager Staley



Admin Asst. Clement



Records Asst. Aiyar



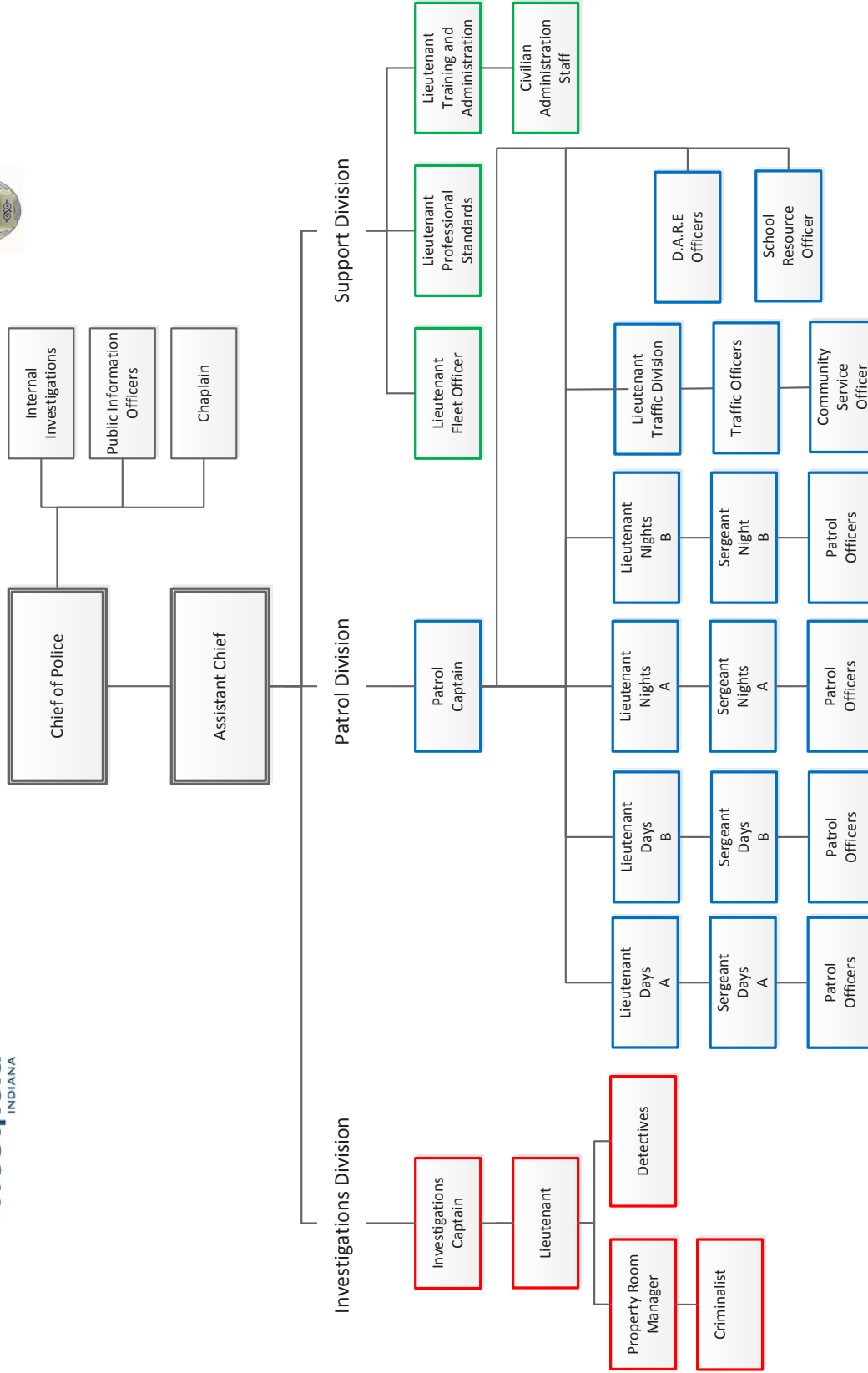
Criminalist Kautzman



Chaplain Lathers



Westfield Police Department Organizational Chart



General Order 11.1.2

(rev. 2014)

PATROL DIVISION



Charles Hollowell
Patrol Captain

The Westfield Patrol Division is the largest and most visible unit of the Westfield Police Department. This division currently has 32 sworn officers and 1 civilian employee assigned. The personnel assigned to this division, are the initial responders and investigators of crimes in progress such as thefts, robberies, burglaries, assaults, and drug or alcohol related incidents. These employees are also responsible for foot and neighborhood patrols, residential vacation checks, public relation details, security checks and the investigation of traffic crashes, traffic enforcement, criminal apprehension, and other miscellaneous calls for service. Within the Patrol Division, there are also specialized groups that participate in the following areas: Operations Support, Traffic Unit, School Resource, Community Service, Bicycle Patrol, DARE, Emergency Response Unit (ESU), Honor Guard, K-9 Unit, Public Information, Civilian Police Academy and Neighborhood Crime Watch.

The City of Westfield is divided into four (4) patrol beats/districts. Each beat/district has an officer assigned to it and it is this officer's main responsibility to patrol the residential and business districts within this assigned area. Additionally, dividing the city into beats/districts, ensures that these residential and business districts are patrolled more thoroughly and consistently. Also, by having beats/districts, patrol officers response times are reduced, patrols are better concentrated, and a better police presence is circulated throughout the city.

The Patrol Division is focused on being proactive instead of reactive. Through many self-initiated and other daily activities, our Patrol Division actions are geared towards keeping the City of Westfield safe. Additionally, the proactive actions of the Patrol Division has helped to reduce crime and traffic accidents within the city, making it a safer place to live, work, visit and play.

The Patrol Division would like to encourage all employees and residents of the City of Westfield to report any suspicious activities to the dispatch center. Additionally, police networking with the community builds positive relationships and trust between law enforcement and the citizens that we have sworn to protect and serve. Joint endeavors are also necessary to ensure that our city remains as one of the safest communities within that State of Indiana and throughout the United States.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



John Lowes
Investigations Captain

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) consists of two sections: Investigations and Property & Evidence. The Investigations section is responsible for the management of all incident reports, and investigating all major crimes and any crimes that cannot be resolved quickly by patrol personnel. The Property & Evidence section is responsible for locating, collecting, storing, preserving, and analyzing physical evidence at crime scenes.

All Investigations personnel begin their law enforcement careers as patrol officers. Officers are assigned to CID based upon various elements, such as knowledge, experience, and investigative ability.



The mission of the Criminal Investigations Division is to combat crime by conducting prompt and proactive investigations. Our members are dedicated to using any and all available resources to solve crimes, improve the quality of life, and ensure the safety of our community by apprehending and seeking prosecution of those who commit crimes.

At the beginning of 2015, the CID team consisted of six detectives and one criminalist. During the year, Detective Scott Clouse passed away after a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer. We lost a valuable member of our team and community, but more importantly we said goodbye to a friend. At the conclusion of the year, the team consisted of five detectives and two criminalists: Detective Captain John Lowes, Detective Lieutenant Brodie Houston, Detective Greg Marlow, Detective Brett Bays, Detective Samuel Newlin-Haus, Criminalist Charles Blackford, and Criminalist Alyssa Kautzman (our newest member).



DETECTIVE SCOTT CLOUSE



On August 17, 2015, the Westfield Police Department suffered the loss of Detective Scott Clouse after a long battle with cancer. Detective Clouse was sworn-in on February 27, 2001. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in February of 2005. He was appointed to the Detective Division in October of 2006.



Scott was a 1990 graduate of Clinton Central High School where he was vice president of the FFA Chapter. He was active in the Choral Aires group, played football and wrestled. He graduated in 1994 from Indiana University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Scott had a passion for working cases involving children victims. He was an advocate for children who were in need of services. He participated in Chaucie's Place "Smart Steps" a body safety program for children. Teaching nearly 5,000 children in our community important messages about body safety. Scott also showed his commitment to children with his role as a Stewards of Children authorized facilitator for Chaucie's Place.



He helped change the culture of our Department. It was his dream and he finally made it happen when he started a bible studies group at our Department. He lived every day with his strong conviction and used it to become resilient, coming to work under the most devastating physical conditions. He made common daily issues and problems meaningless. He loved the Westfield Police Department and the City of Westfield.

Scott touched us all. He was and will always be a constant reminder of what it means to have true faith.



SUPPORT DIVISION

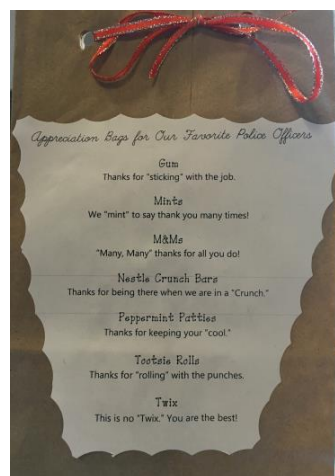


Scott Jordan
Assistant Chief

The Support Division is comprised of sworn officers and civilian staff members that provide support to the overall operation of the Westfield Police Department. These individuals work primarily in the office during normal business hours. This division is responsible for a variety of areas including: accreditation, training, records, fleet maintenance and management, assisting with the budget and processing claims, public relations, computer technical support, compiling crime and traffic statistics, and the student internship program. Also, certain members of the division manage the hiring processes for patrol officers and civilian staff.

Additionally, members of the Support Division focus on many community outreach programs and utilize social media platforms to enrich the relationship between the police department and the community. Numerous community events are organized by this division and social media tools are consistently utilized to share important crime information and safety tips with our residents.

Members of the Support Division are Lieutenant Mike Allen (Accreditation), Lieutenant Bob Rushforth (Fleet Management), Lieutenant Bobbie Gorrell (Administration/Training), and Records Manager Amanda Staley. Other members of the Support Division include Social Media Coordinator and Records Assistant Amanda Aiyar and Administrative Assistant Debra Clement.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT



Mike Vickroy
Lt. Traffic Unit

The Westfield Police Traffic Division is comprised of two Traffic Enforcement and one Community Service Officer. The Traffic Enforcement Division currently operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM and 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM. Traffic officers respond to community complaints regarding traffic safety issues and provide dedicated enforcement at high collision intersections.

The main goals within the Traffic Division are:

To provide the citizens of Westfield with the best service possible, though enforcing the traffic laws, to keep the streets and community safe.

To educate the community on traffic laws and quality of life issues in efforts to reduce traffic collisions and fatalities.

To work closely with the City's Public Works Department to make Westfield a safe place to live, work and play.

2015

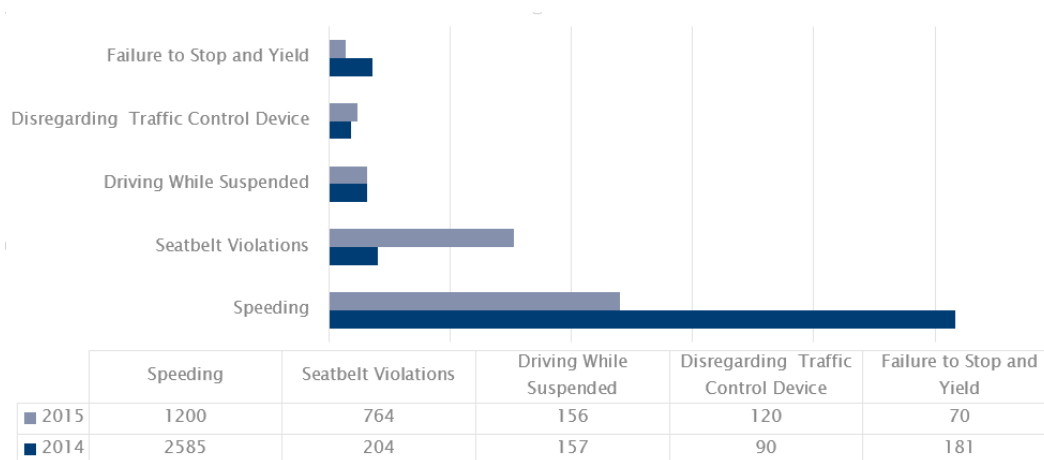
Grant funding received in the amount of \$4,505.50 from the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and other drugs for the purchase of 10 Alco-Sensor FST.

In efforts to reduce the damage to our local roadways, the Traffic Division partnered with the Indiana State Police to conduct several commercial vehicle inspections targeting overweight and unsafe Commercial Motor vehicles during the construction phase of US 31.

Implemented the use of Traffic Data recorders to document and address citizens' complaints. The data recorders provide the Unit with searchable data of all targeted locations to better allocate resources for enforcement.

Developed and implemented a tracking method to monitor officer activity when addressing specific citizens' complaints regarding traffic enforcement.

Continued cooperation with the Westfield Washington School to reduce speeding within the school zones and school bus stop arm violations.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT (ESU)



The Noblesville/Westfield Emergency Services Unit (ESU) is comprised of 23 officers from the Noblesville, Westfield, Tipton and Fishers Police Departments as well as tactical medics from the Noblesville Fire Department. The Westfield Police Department supplies four operators to the entry team; Lt. Mike Siara, Sgt. Rob Dine, Officer Steve Todd, and Officer Josh Harrell.

ESU members are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to critical and high-risk incidents in Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers and Tipton County.

ESU members train several hundred hours each year to refine and hone their tactical skills. In addition to monthly trainings, members routinely seek out training opportunities from other agencies and tactical elements. WPD ESU members have received training from the Fort Wayne and Bloomington Police Departments, the National Tactical Officers Association, the Indiana SWAT Officers Association, The Safariland Group, New York State Police, Los Angeles Police Department, members of the United States Army Special Forces, United States Navy SEALs, United States Army Delta Force, and the Australian Special Air Services Regiment.

ESU members undergo a rigorous selection and qualification process where proficiency in firearms, tactics, teamwork, and communication is paramount. Officers also adhere to a strenuous physical fitness program.



K9 DIVISION



The Westfield Police Department has two K9 teams, Officer Kang/K9 Gorkey and Officer Swiatkowski/K9 Lopez. K9 teams are assigned to regular patrol shift duties in addition to the duties of a K9 team which include: attending public relations events, narcotics detection, tracking, building search, evidence search, area search and apprehension. Both K9 teams are graduates of the Vohne Liche Kennels patrol handler's course and certified by the American Working Dog Association.

Both teams also participated in the 2015 K9 Olympics hosted by the Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana. The Olympics bring dog teams from many different agencies competing at the highest level to demonstrate their skills. The event is four days long, including 9 different narcotics detection events, agility course, control substance, obedience course, tracking, area search, building search and patrol scenarios. There are handlers from federal, military, and local government agencies totaling over 100 teams.



K9 Officer Song Kang & Gorky

Deployments for 2015

- 91 narcotics searches
- 37 narcotics arrest
- 2 building searches
- 4 public demonstrations
- 1 track
- 4 School searches
- 1 civil apprehension on warrant service



Accomplishments/Highlights 2015

Assisted IMPD and FBI with drug sweep search warrants in Indianapolis resulting in \$7500 cash seizure from a vehicle and ounce of crack cocaine from a house. Placed 1st in narcotics detection team overall at the 2015 K9 Olympics.



K9 Officer Jeff Swiatkowski & Lopez

Deployments for 2015

- 77 narcotics searches
- 18 arrest
- 6 tracks
- 8 miscellaneous
- 5 school searches
- 3 public demonstrations
- 1 apprehension



Accomplishments/Highlights 2015

Placed third place in Narcotic Luggage Sniff at the 2015 K9 Olympics. This was out of 64 K-9 Units that were in attendance.



RECORDS DIVISION



Amanda Staley
Records Manager

The Records Division is responsible for maintaining the accuracy and integrity of records kept in response to daily police activity. The division is responsible for processing and complying with public access requests for records, subpoenas, as well as other court orders.

The records staff comprises of three civilian staff members with responsibilities varying from customer service, collecting and processing fees, preparing paperwork for attorneys and prosecutors, disseminating reports to various local and state agencies, processing conceal carry permits to collecting, and analyzing crime statistics.

The Records Division also provides support to the patrol and investigations divisions, takes on special projects including statistics, presentations, assisting with community days, social media and Citizens' Academy administrative duties.

In the coming year, our goals are to continue to provide excellent customer service to residents and personnel we assist, and notify citizens of high volume accident locations and crime trends within the city.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



Officer Kim Daniels
School Resource Officer

The Westfield Police Department, in cooperation with Westfield Washington Schools, implemented the School Resource Officer Program in August of 2007. The School Resource Officer (SRO) is a sworn Westfield Police Officer assigned to provide Law Enforcement expertise and resources to assist school staff in maintaining safety, security, order and discipline within the schools. The SRO is responsible for the investigation of criminal cases and traffic accidents, the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, and working with school administrators on issues of student and staff safety and security. The schools are the equivalent of the SRO's patrol area.

Currently there is one (1) SRO assigned to the nine (9) schools that comprise the Westfield Washington School District. The School District has a student population of approximately seven thousand two hundred and fifty (7,250) and approximately eight hundred and fifty (850) staff members.



Officer Kim A. Daniels was appointed to the SRO position when the program began in 2007. She completed training through The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) to become a certified SRO. She is currently



serving in that capacity, making this her ninth (9th) year as the SRO for Westfield Washington Schools. Prior to entering police work, she obtained a teaching degree and was a school teacher for three (3) years. This background has given her an understanding of both the law enforcement and academia perspectives.

Each year brings a better understanding of the many ways an SRO can be of service and assistance within the schools.



BIKE PATROL



Sgt. Jackie Carter

April 2008 marked the beginning of the Westfield Police Department's Bike Patrol. The Bike Team was assembled to assist in patrolling areas difficult to access and cover with a patrol car. The team was also created to encourage a better relationship with the community. Interaction between bike officers and the public is a benefit of the team; making officers more approachable and giving them the opportunity to receive important feedback on activity in the community.

Bike Officers have the same responsibilities as Officers in vehicles.

Bike Officers routinely stop vehicles, answer calls for service and patrol neighborhoods and city parks and trails. Since its beginning, the Bike Team has been a success by increasing the level of police presence throughout the city. The Bike Team is also a welcomed and regular presence at special events occurring in the city. With the development of the Grand Park and the trail systems, the Bike Team has been and will continue to be utilized to provide quality service to Westfield residents and visitors.



The Bike Team started with 6 members and has grown to 16 members in 2015. The Bike Patrol Unit provides Bike Officers with Cannondale, 21 speed mountain bikes which are fully equipped for police functions. In addition, each officer is issued a complete uniform consisting of high visibility shirts, bicycle shorts, nylon gun belts, shoes, bike gloves and a helmet that is worn at all times while the officer is riding.

All Bike Officers must complete and pass a rigorous training course on braking, evasive maneuvers, dismounts, stair riding, slow speed drills and various other skills.

Westfield Police Bike Team consists of the following Officers:

Chief Joel Rush
Asst. Chief Scott Jordan
Lt. Mike Siara
Sgt. Jackie Carter
Sgt. Billy Adams
Officer Steve Todd
Officer Mike Wheeler
Officer Elizabeth Griffin
Officer Joe Hopkins
Officer Chuck Nichols
Officer Broc Larrison
Det. Sam Newlin-Haus
Officer Jeff Swiatkowski
Officer Matt Ford
Officer Chad Tribbett
Officer Matt Scheller



TRAINING



Bobbie Gorrell
Lt. Training/Administration

Indiana Law Enforcement Officers are required by law to maintain at least twenty-four hours of continuing education per year. The twenty-four hours must include two (2) hours in Firearms, Physical Tactics/Use of Force and Emergency Vehicle Operation.

During 2015, Westfield officers received training in many fields including: Physical Tactics, S.T.O.P.S., Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO), Police Ethics, Taser, Alzheimer's, Child Abuse and Neglect, Domestic Violence, SIDS, Metal Illness, Addiction and Disabilities, Interview Techniques, Human Trafficking and both K-9 teams attended the 2015 K-9 Olympics.

In 2015, officers completed a total of 3,910 hours of training. A large number of training hours were conducted in-house by certified police department instructors including: Firearms, Defensive Tactics, S.T.O.P.S., Police Ethics, Biased-Based Profiling, Critical Incidents, Legal Updates, State Mandates, and Emergency Vehicle Operations. Sergeant Grimes attend Northwestern University's 80 hour Supervision of Police Personnel. Criminalist Kautzman completed 120 hours of Crime Scene Technology at Northwestern University. These courses explore the fundamentals of evidence evaluation and processing and enhancement of techniques for physical evidence collection.



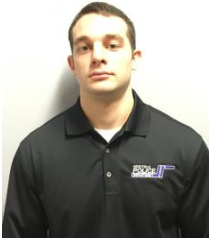
Patrol Sergeants Robert Dine and Jacqueline Carter completed IMPD's 160 hour Leadership Academy. This course is taught at the Undergraduate and Graduate Level, with an emphasis on solid documentation and excellent writing skills. The entire curriculum is designed to build a leader around the concept of "Reader, Writer, Thinker, fighter" (Bill Westfall). Students participate in classroom and group discussions, exercises and field work.



Westfield Police Department Lieutenant Michael Vickroy graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2015, as the second member of the department to attend the academy. As FBI National Academy graduates, these officers enter into a select group made up of less than one percent of the country's law enforcement officers. They completed the 10-week course at the FBI training facility in Quantico, Virginia. The course included instruction in law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership development, communication, and health/fitness. The academy was created in 1935 with 23 students in the first class. It has grown over the years to the current enrollment of over 1,000 students a year. The FBI National Academy is one of the premier law enforcement academies in the world.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER



Taylor McCorkle
CSO

The Westfield Police Department has one Community Service Officer who is a civilian, non-sworn 40-hour per week employee. The CSO performs a variety of tasks and community assignments that do not require the services of a sworn officer.

The primary function of the CSO is to supplement patrol operations and assist with animal complaints, VIN checks, disabled vehicles, traffic direction, administrative paperwork and evidence delivery and pick up, and vehicle lock-outs.



Wally Sitzes
CSO



Due to the significant contribution the CSO position provides to the community and department, CSO Taylor McCorkle was hired in December 2015 to replace CSO Wally Sitzes who retired in June of 2015 from the City of Westfield after 8 years of service.

CSO McCorkle worked at the Hamilton County Jail as a Deputy for two and a half years prior to coming to the Westfield Police Department. He was a member of the Sheriffs Emergency Response Team (SERT) for the last year. In addition to the jail experience he holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Ivy Tech Community College.



PUBLIC EVENTS

2015 Community Events

Group Name	Event Type
St. Maria Goretti Girl Scouts	Safety Talk
City Connection	Meetings
Tiger Cub Scout	PD Tour/Safety Talk
Oak Manor HOA	Meeting
Maple Glen Elementary	Winter Carnival
Bridgewater	Informational Sharing Meeting
Christ United Methodist	Panel for Community Leaders
Centennial Day Care	Officer Visited the School
Girl Scout Troop	Safety Talk
Cub Scouts	PD Tour/Safety Talk
Daisy Troop	PD Tour/Safety Talk
Centennial HOA	Meeting
Underground Railroad	Health and Safety Fair
Relay for Life	Volleyball Team
Grandparents/Grandchildren	Meet an Officer and PD Tour
Westfield Schools	Bike to School
Memorial Day Celebration	K-9 Demo
Breakfast with a COP	Breakfast with Officer
Rainbow Child Center	Officer Visited School
Breakfast With a COP	Breakfast with Officer
St. Maria Goretti Silver Angels	Talk about Protecting Themselves from Fraud
Quaker Park	National Trail Day
Duke Energy	Employee Day
Fallen Officers	Blood Drive
Women's Group	Meeting
Carey Ridge Elementary	Forensic Science
Washington Township Parks	Touch-a-Truck
Chamber of Commerce	Presentation
Washington Township Parks	Safety Awareness
Hamilton County	Jr. Law Enforcement Academy
Washington Woods Elem.	Summer Camp
Local Residents	Officer Stopped by for a Boy's Birthday Party
Indy Executive Airport	Down Syndrome Fund Raiser
Citizens Academy	Citizens Academy

Group Name	Event Type
Breakfast with a COP	Breakfast with Officer
Area Bankers	Meeting
Jake Laird/National Night Out	Community Day
Village Farms	Community Day
Coffee With a COP	Coffee with an Officer
Rotary Club	Monthly Meeting
Centennial	Book Drive
Westfield Middle School	Drug Awareness
Homecoming	Parade
Maple Glen Elementary	Walk-a-Thon
New Joy Church	Community Day
Girl Scout Troop	PD Tour/Safety Talk
Carey Ridge Elementary School	Kindness Week
Primrose at Bridgewater	Officer Visited School
Carey Ridge Elementary School	Career Day
Primrose WestClay	Officer Visited School
Cub Scouts	PD Tour/Safety Talk
Halloween	Officers Handed out Glow Sticks
Lord of Life Lutheran Church	Talk about Theft and Respecting Your Neighbor's Property
D.A.R.E. Special Needs Kids	PD Tour
Rainbow Child Care	Talk About Respect and Bulling
Shopping with Kids	Items for Amanda Strong Food for the Needy
Youth Assistance	Shopping for Family
Prevail	Training
Stewards of Children	Presentation
Relay for Life	Run
WeCan	Presentation
Multi-Disciplinary Team	Meeting
Indiana Retail	Organized Crime Meeting
Bridgewater	Presentation
Apartment Managers	Meeting
Local Daycares and Business	Meetings Reference FLG Preventions
D.A.R.E.	Classes
Carey Ridge Elementary School	Lunch with Kids

PUBLIC RELATIONS



The Westfield Police Department regularly participates in community activities. Some of the highlights in 2015 include the Jake Laird Community Day/National Night Out, Special Olympics Torch Run, Breakfast with a COP, Numerous Police Department Tours and Safety Talks, Touch-a-Truck, Relay for Life, Citizens Academy and Down Syndrome Fund Raiser. Officers and Civilian staff also attended homeowner association meetings, school safety meetings, the Jake Laird Golf Outing/Fund Raiser, Fallen Officer Blood drive, and K-9 Demonstrations.

Jake Laird Community Day/National Night Out

The biggest event of the year was the Jake Laird Community Day/National Night Out. The event was sponsored by Hamilton County residents Mike and Debbie Laird, the parents of Indianapolis Police Officer Jake Laird, who was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 18, 2004.

At the event, the police department demonstrated police equipment, performed K-9 demonstrations and distributed information on bike safety and child safety seat installation. Numerous vendors participate and donate items to help to make this a wonderful event. There were also inflatable play areas, a dunk tank, games, and food for the public to enjoy.



National Night Out was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized are fighting back. NATW's National Night Out program culminates annually on the first Tuesday of August. National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Breakfast/Ride to School With a COP



Miscellaneous Events

Police Department Tours
Relay for Life
Special Olympics Torch Run
K9 Demonstrations
Bike to School
Beyond the Badge Run
Coffee with a Cop





08/25/2015
9am - 11am
Starbucks
318 W. 161st St.
Westfield, IN

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

For questions contact: Sgt. Billy Adams, 217-894-2390, badams@westfield.in.gov

Westfield Police Department



CITIZENS' ACADEMY



Lt. Mike Seagrave

The Westfield Police Department started the Citizens' Academy in the spring of 2012. This program gives attendees the opportunity to learn about all different aspects of our department.

The Citizens' Academy had its sixth session in 2015. It is an eleven week program for Westfield residents to receive firsthand experience in various aspects of police work. The class typically meets once a week in the evenings. Participants tour the county jail, dispatch and training center and learn about patrol and investigation operations. They also get to participate in evidence processing, emergency driving, patrol stops, firearms training, defense tactics, Taser and K9 demonstrations, and active shooter simulations.

In an effort to keep our Citizens' Academy alumni involved, we have held CPR classes for them, pizza parties, and have them volunteer to assist current classes.



HONOR GUARD



The Westfield Police Department Honor Guard was created in 2008 as a specialty unit that is responsible for honoring all officers who have lost their life in the line of duty in the City of Westfield, the State of Indiana, and across the nation.

The unit is staffed by five (5) officers who have been trained to display honors at law enforcement funerals, carry the colors at community events, and take part in public relations activities.

To date, members of the honor guard have participated in several line of duty death funerals in the state along with participation in the Hamilton County Police Memorial Service in May and the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial Service in September. The Honor Guard has also posted the colors for the Indiana Pacers.



DEPARTMENT CHAPLIN



Jason Lathers
Chaplain

Chaplain Jason Lathers has been with the department for 2.5 years. Chaplain Lathers has taken on the role as the department's primary Chaplain. Chaplain Mark Wesler has been with the department for 8 years. Chaplain Wesler serves as a consultant and helps as needed.

The Department Chaplains assists with death notifications, attends Department and city events, police memorial services, and much more. Chaplains are often involved as resource providers in assisting with death notifications in the community, public relations, and other needs that the law enforcement agency might have.

Chaplains also provide guidance and confidential counseling for personal, family, and job-related problems to both sworn and civilian personnel, their families, and others. Law enforcement officers often need someone whom they feel that they can trust to assist them with death notifications, suicide attempts, emotionally upset people who have been traumatized, and a myriad of other problems and challenges. They also need someone to care for their families and themselves during times of trauma or distress.



Mark Wesler
Chaplain

D.A.R.E.



The Westfield Police Department completed another successful year of teaching DARE. The DARE program has been taught in Westfield Washington Schools every year since 1999 and continues to be an essential focus of the education of the area youth.

Officer Angela Martin and Broc Larrison have continued the tradition of officers being a part of the schools. All of the 5th grade at Westfield Intermediate School have received the curriculum. The curriculum includes how to resist drugs, how to handle bullying, peer pressure, and positive ways to dispel stress.

From DARE's website, alcohol use by the nation's teens continued its long-term decline in 2015. The three grades combined (8, 10 and 12) showed a further decline in the proportion of students reporting any alcohol use in the 12 months preceding the survey (annual prevalence) and also in the 30 days preceding the survey (30-day prevalence).

In 2015, these rates are at 40 percent and 22 percent, respectively—the lowest levels seen since the study began. Although the one-year decline in these two measures did not reach statistical significance, their longer-term declines were highly significant. Further, binge drinking (having five or more drinks in a row on one or more occasions in the prior two weeks) did decline significantly in 2015. Binge drinking is now reported by 5 percent of 8th-graders, 11 percent of 10th-graders and 17 percent of 12th-graders.

Several illicit drugs showed declines in use this year. There were declines in students' use of MDMA (ecstasy, Molly), heroin, synthetic marijuana ("K-2," "Spice") and amphetamines. The investigators say there were no statistically significant increases for any of the more than 50 classes and subclasses of drugs that MTF tracks among 8th-, 10th- and 12th-grade students.



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION



Lt. Michael E. Allen
Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) is the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. Accreditation in law enforcement is similar to accreditation in other professions such as medical institutions or universities. It means the agency has met specific standards of excellence and operates in accordance with standards that have been established by practitioners in the law enforcement fields from throughout the United States.

Accreditation requires an agency to:

- Develop and establish a comprehensive and professional set of written directives. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals, while providing more professional direction to agency personnel.
- Generate necessary reports and provide fact based information to improve management decisions and services.
- Institute a preparedness program that will improve an agency's ability to address natural or man-made disasters or unusual occurrences.
- Establish operating procedures that clearly define authority, performance and responsibilities.
- Strengthen the agencies accountability, both within the agency and the community.



In October 2015, an assessment team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, INC. (CALEA) arrived at the Westfield Police Department to conduct a three day on-site assessment of the WPD.

The assessment team conducted reviews of WPD General Orders, reports and various other documentation to determine compliance with CALEA standards. In addition, the team conducted interviews with agency personnel and community members, participated in ride-a-longs with WPD officers and observed the operations at the Hamilton County Communications Center and jail.

At the end of the third day, the assessment team met with Chief Rush and his command staff to review and discuss their findings and the results of the on-site assessment. The assessment team leader, Chief Scott Cunningham indicated that a report would be prepared indicating a favorable recommendation and forwarded to the Commission for final review. If approved by the Commission, the Westfield Police Department will become an accredited law enforcement agency and receive its certification in March 2016 at the CALEA Conference in St. Louis.



Current Hamilton County accredited law enforcement agencies:

- Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept.
- Carmel Police Department
- Fishers Police Department
- Noblesville Police Department



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Amanda Aiyar
Social Media
Coordinator

The overall goal of the Westfield Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program is to establish lines of communication between the citizens of Westfield and members of the police department. Once these lines of communication are established, residents feel more comfortable calling the police department with questions or concerns, or to report possible criminal activity.

We are now utilizing technology and social media to communicate better with our neighborhoods. Social media allows us to expand the reach of our department and spread information to a larger audience than traditional news and media outlets. We are able to expedite press releases, Amber alerts, road closings, suspect descriptions, etc., and give information, such as our child car seat program and the gun permit application process, in a more convenient venue.



Facebook and Twitter

In 2012, the Westfield Police Department joined the ranks of thousands of law enforcement agencies that utilize social media as a way to interact with their community. The Westfield Police Department first joined Facebook and Twitter, as a way to help promote a better relationship with the public and to open communication between our department and the community that we serve.

Facebook and Twitter give us a more timely and consistent way to communicate with the public as well as receive feedback. By "liking" our page or "following" us, the community can get real-time, up-to-date information on city and department information and programs, crime-related info, press releases, lost and found pets and a variety of safety tips throughout the year.

Since we joined Facebook in 2012, we have gained 3,138 followers. Our most circulated post was a press release from 2013 that reached 35,600 unique users. We have also gained 1,863 followers on Twitter since we joined it in 2012. Our most circulated tweets reached over 11,000 users.

Nextdoor

Then, in March of 2014 the Westfield Police Department joined Nextdoor, a private social network for neighborhoods. Over 14,000 communities nationwide are using Nextdoor to strengthen their neighborhoods. Nextdoor is a private social network for neighborhoods that helps us to facilitate a virtual neighborhood watch and foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications. The integration with Nextdoor enables the Westfield Police Department to communicate online with our neighborhoods. Residents and police will be able to work together to improve safety and strengthen neighborhood watch efforts.

With Nextdoor, Westfield residents can join private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets. The Westfield Police Department utilizes Nextdoor as another tool to help us communicate with our residents and for our residents to be able to communicate with us. We are able to post information, such as safety tips and crime alerts, to Nextdoor websites within the city and can target specific neighborhoods as needed with relevant information. When necessary, we can also send out urgent alerts to the cell phones of all participating residents who have opted to receive text messages.

Since we launched our Nextdoor site, seventy-one (71) neighborhoods have joined the network with 5,619 households participating and 7,957 members. We have averaged 267 new members each month over the past year.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM AND SOCIAL MEDIA

CrimeReports

Another online tool that we utilize is CrimeReports.com. CrimeReports.com is a national crime map where citizens have free access to neighborhood crime data. CrimeReports provides near real-time reporting and crime maps and helps raise the level of community awareness. More than a thousand other law enforcement agencies of all sizes across North America are participating.

CrimeReports pulls information directly from our dispatch system and is updated daily. The public can access the free crime data as well as sex offenders through the website or through the CrimeReports app, available for free download on Apple devices. The service even lets local citizens sign up for free customizable email updates, so they can monitor crime in their neighborhood.

In addition to these online tools, when requested, a Westfield Police Officer will attend neighborhood association meetings and share crime statistics for the neighborhood. At the meetings, the officer will pass on information about reporting suspicious activities, the different types of suspicious activities to observe for, and the types of question a dispatcher will ask when a citizen calls the police. Additionally, the Westfield Police Department will provide Neighborhood Crime Watch street signs for any neighborhood that would like to have them posted.



www.facebook.com/WestfieldPD



www.twitter.com/WestfieldPolice



www.nextdoor.com



www.crimereports.com/agency/wpd

PHYSICAL FITNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Lt. Mike Siara

Law Enforcement can be a physically tough and demanding profession involving long and sometimes stressful hours, standing and sitting for long periods, driving a high speeds, running in a variety of terrains and overcoming obstacles, and subduing a combative or resisting subject. Failure on the part of officers to prepare for such activities or successfully complete such tasks can be dangerous and could result injury, property damage, and/or the loss of life. The decline of health and fitness among those in the law enforcement community is an indisputable fact. Due to these factors, the Westfield Police Department implemented a voluntary physical fitness incentive program in 2010.

The goal of the voluntary physical fitness incentive program is for sworn members to always maintain a minimum level of physical fitness for duty related tasks, improve work performance, and enjoy a healthier lifestyle, and successful career. The program serves the interests of the agency, its individual officers, and the community it serves.

A law enforcement voluntary physical fitness incentive program helps ensure that:

- Officers have the requisite fitness to perform their duties;
- Officer's lifestyle habits will decrease health risks and improve quality of life; and
- Agencies reduce their liability by ensuring officers' physical readiness to perform while controlling risk and its associated costs.

The physical fitness tests are conducted in the Spring and Fall of each year consisting of push-ups, sit-ups, vertical jump, 300m run, and 1.5 mile run. In order for an officer to pass the tests, they must meet or exceed the minimum standards for each event as set by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Exit-Standards.

Officers who passed both Spring and Fall Assessments in 2015:

Dewey Abney	Billy Adams	Brett Bays	Rob Dine
Matt Ford	Eric Grimes	Josh Harrell	Charles Hollowell
Brodie Houston	Scott Jordan	Song Kang	Broc Larrison
Greg Marlow	Jeremy Meier	Sam Newlin-Haus	Chuck Nichols
Eli Rebollar	Mike Seagrave	Mike Siara	Eli Stubbs
Jeff Swiatkowski	Steve Todd	Chad Tribbett	Mike Vickroy
Mike Wheeler			

AWARDS

Lantern Award

Det. Scott Clouse

Chief's Award:

Lt. Rory Gentry
Amanda Staley
Det. Scott Clouse

Recognition of Service:

Wally Sitzes 2006-2015
Chaplain Mark Wesler 2001-2014

Service Awards:

35 Years:

Lt. Michael Allen

30 Years:

Det. Lt. Brodie Houston

Officer Bob Mitchell

25 Years:

Criminalist Charles Blackford

15 Years:

Officer Mike Wheeler

Capt. John Lowes

10 Years:

Det. Brett Bays

2015 Hamilton County
Detective of the Year

Det. Greg Marlow



FLEET



Lt. Robert Rushforth
Fleet Officer

The WPD Fleet Division is responsible for the up-fitting, maintenance, and resourcing fleet Vehicles for Patrol and support functions. Lt. Rushforth is also responsible for building maintenance and technology.

The diverse fleet is comprised of pursuit rated patrol vehicles, SUV's, and special service cars and trucks for year round service. The vehicles are equipped with the latest technology for the safety of the officers and public.

The patrol vehicles are equipped with the latest audio and video recording devices to transmit and store the evidence back to the police department. The wireless computer systems offers GPS technology, for computer aided dispatch, mapping and printer/scanner technology. The vehicles are equipped with radio equipment for State and local communications systems. Each patrol car is the virtual office of each officer.



YEAR END STATS

Crimes Statistics

Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

Year	Total UCR Reported Crimes	Crimes Per 1,000 Residents	Population	Total Sworn Officers	Officer Per 1,000 Residents
2011	704	22	30,068	40	1.3
2012	708	22	31,857	40	1.3
2013	661	21	32,070	40	1.2
2014	606	18	33,382	42	1.3
2015	597	17	35,927	43	1.2

Crimes Against a Person

Offense	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0	2	0	0
Rape	7	5	1	3	3
Robbery	4	3	5	4	3
Battery – with serious injury	9	19	13	27	26
Battery – no or minor injury	184	174	154	139	156

Crimes Against Property

Offense	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Burglary	57	54	64	31	30
Theft	418	423	412	382	365
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	30	12	9	13



YEAR END STATS

Calls for Service

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dispatched Calls	9541	9597	9219	9694	10478
<i>UCR Crime Types</i>	<i>605</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>542</i>	<i>603</i>
<i>Alarms</i>	<i>1225</i>	<i>1327</i>	<i>1298</i>	<i>1629</i>	<i>1697</i>
<i>Service Calls</i>	<i>2570</i>	<i>2322</i>	<i>2149</i>	<i>2190</i>	<i>2322</i>
<i>Suspicious Incidents</i>	<i>549</i>	<i>656</i>	<i>697</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>769</i>
<i>Traffic and Crash Related</i>	<i>1859</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>1842</i>	<i>1928</i>	<i>1935</i>
<i>All Other Dispatched Calls</i>	<i>2733</i>	<i>2713</i>	<i>2638</i>	<i>2588</i>	<i>3152</i>
Self-Initiated Calls	18194	20061	27795	29464	33530
<i>Traffic Stops</i>	<i>9133</i>	<i>10189</i>	<i>12960</i>	<i>14145</i>	<i>12699</i>
<i>Other Traffic Related Calls</i>	<i>1225</i>	<i>1029</i>	<i>1247</i>		<i>1499</i>
<i>Security Checks</i>	<i>1247</i>	<i>1014</i>	<i>872</i>	<i>1875</i>	<i>8732</i>
<i>Foot / Bike Patrols</i>	<i>1617</i>	<i>2965</i>	<i>8615</i>	<i>9844</i>	<i>8420</i>
<i>All Other Self-Initiated Calls</i>	<i>4972</i>	<i>4864</i>	<i>4101</i>		<i>2180</i>
Total Calls For Service	27735	29658	37014	39158	44008

*UCR Crime types are homicide, rape, robbery, battery, burglary, and theft.

*Service Calls include call types of 9-1-1 hang ups, damage to property, found property, escorts, keep the peace, lost property, vehicle lockouts, VIN checks, and welfare checks

YEAR END STATS

Community Policing and Traffic

Foot and Bike Patrols

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Foot / Bike Patrols	1617	2965	8616	9844	8420

Vacation and Security Checks

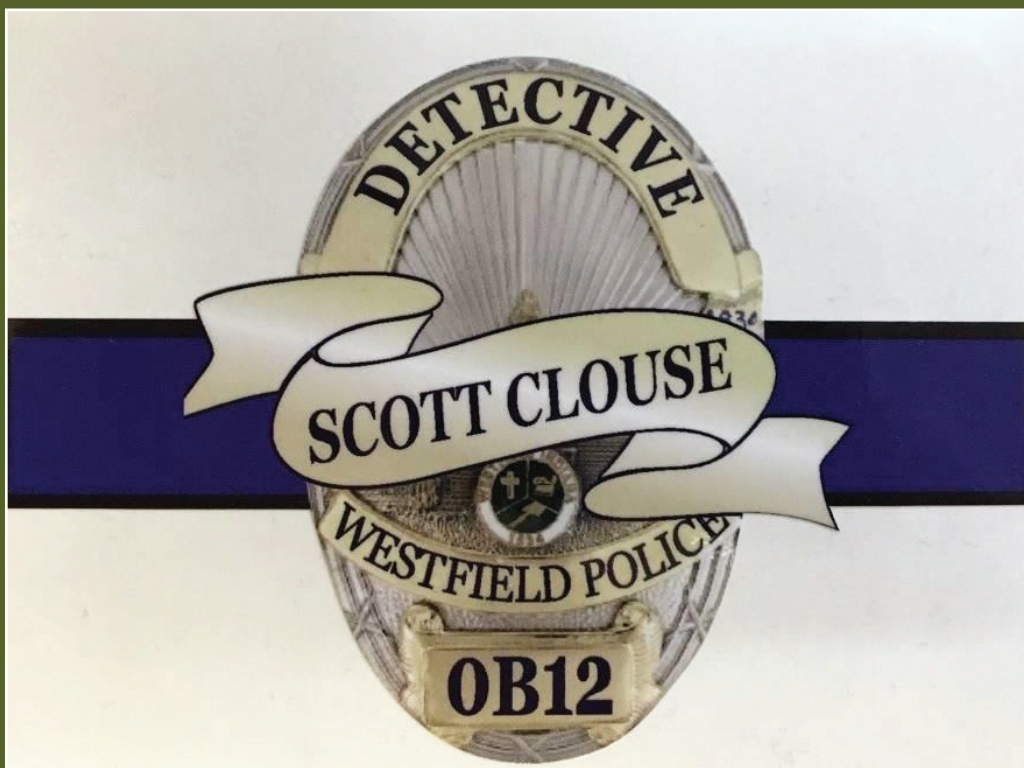
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Security Checks entered	37	52	120	306	431
Individual checks on locations	1247*	1014*	872	1825	8798

*security check call type was utilized for other types of activity as well in 2011 and 2012

Traffic

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Stops	9133	10189	12960	14145	12696
Citations	5098	6091	6142	8345	6826
Warnings	8468	9259	12347	9880	10347
Accidents	595	641	594	615	620

Type of Accident	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fatality	2	0	1	1	0
Personal Injury	101	123	95	94	95
Hit and Run	48	48	56	56	50
Property Damage	444	470	442	464	475
Total	595	641	594	615	620



"Making a difference, every day"